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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
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For: METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR
PRODUCING ELONGATE SUPPORT
ELEMENT AND PRODUCT, AND USE OF
THE SUPPORT ELEMENT

Examiner: M. N. Bumgarner

STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicant is in receipt of Decision on Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment dated March 12, 2004 advising that the holding of abandonment in the above-identified patent application is withdrawn. It is respectfully requested that the attorney named below be advised of the status of the above-identified application. Please advise us of when we might expect to receive an Office Action from the Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 21547-00287-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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